

HOWARD GOULD WAS AGAIN ON THE RACK.

Suing Valet's Attorney Probed Into a Certain London Visit.

KATHRYN CLEMMONS INVOLVED.

Plaintiff Claims He Was Discharged at the Instance of the Present Mrs. Gould—Story of a Fish Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Howard Gould was on the witness rack again today, telling of the merry life he had led on his various yachts, of the different women to whom he had paid attention and of his devotion, in turn, to Mrs. George Blanchard, Miss Odette Tyler and Miss Kathryn Clemmons.

The young millionaire, who is now 29 years old, was forced to tell all sorts of things that had no reference at all to the matter before the court.

His former valet, Frank D. Mowbray, is suing him for \$500, alleging that he lost an eye while cleaning up rocks in Mr. Gould's garden. He says the millionaire promised him a life position as compensation for his injuries, but changed his mind and discharged him at the instance of Miss Kathryn Clemmons, the actress, now Mrs. Gould.

Justice Gleesher excluded much of the innuendo and misdirection, but while he ruled out questions of a certain kind, he had the infamous effect that was intended.

Mrs. Howard Gould was in court during the hearing.

When Mr. Gould took the witness chair, Lawyer Severance, plaintiff's attorney, made numerous questions asked Mr. Gould when he first noticed Mowbray under the influence of liquor. Mr. Gould replied that it was in the summer of 1898 at Cape Cod, England. The next time he saw him intoxicated was at Queenstown, in the summer of 1898, when he had charge of the yacht "Venus."

Mr. Gould claimed that it was for intoxication that the plaintiff lost his position, while Mowbray claims he was discharged at the behest of the present Mrs. Howard Gould.

Mrs. Gould's Name Involved.

Mr. Gould overlooked these two offenses on the part of Mowbray, and said that while his yacht, "Miranda," was lying at St. Petersburg on August 12, 1897, about midnight, he learned that Mowbray was intoxicated again. He sent for him, saw his condition and discharged him.

"It is not true that a woman guest who was aboard your yacht at that time told you Mowbray ought to be discharged? That lady is within the hearing of the court, is she not?" inquired Mr. Severance, as he turned and faced Mrs. Howard Gould.

"She is," replied Mr. Gould.

"And you know that lady as Kate or Kathryn Clemmons?"

"I know her as Miss Kathryn Clemmons, my fiancée."

"Now, Mr. Gould," said Mr. Severance, "you remember No. 8 Norfolk street, London. What connection did you have with that house?"

Objection to the question was sustained.

"I want to show," shouted Severance, "that the defendant's statement that Mowbray was discharged because of intoxication is a pretense, a fraud and a sham; that the reason he was discharged was because the lady who Mr. Gould says was his fiancée in '94 and '95 insisted upon his discharge because he had trouble at that house over a fish bill, that Miss Clemmons told her that Mowbray was drunk and gave her a fish bill and that she was used for the bill. Do you remember seeing the plaintiff in that London house?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Gould.

"Did you keep your clothing in that house?"

"A part of my clothing was kept there one winter."

"Did you pay any of the expenses of that house?"

"No."

"What," shouted Severance, "will you say you needed any of the expenses of that house while your valet was there?"

"I did not."

Vallet Acted as 'Lady's Maid.'

In answer to other questions, Mr. Gould said that Miss Clemmons had stated to him that Mowbray ought to be discharged because he had not faithfully performed his duties as a valet.

Severance broke out into a fit of laughter, while acting as 'lady's maid' for Miss Clemmons, was accused of taking off some of the jewelry of her hair while shampooing her. Do you remember that?"

"No."

"Well," said Severance, "he was accused of having put some of the jewelry of Miss Clemmons's hair. Isn't that so?"

"No," said Mr. Gould.

"Were you and Miss Clemmons both drinking?"

"Not that I remember."

Severance then asked Mr. Gould why, if he discharged Mowbray, he did not give him a letter of recommendation.

Mr. Gould replied that it was because he thought he would have a hard time getting another place.

"Was the statement that you found Mowbray a faithful servant true?" shouted Severance.

"No."

"Then it was false," cried the lawyer.

Mr. Gould stepped down.

Mowbray on the Stand.

Half a dozen other witnesses for the defense were called on the witness stand. Mowbray, again took the stand. Replying to questions, he said:

"In the winter of 1894 we were living at No. 8 Norfolk street, London."

"Who were living there?" broke in Severance.

"Miss Clemmons and Mr. Gould," replied the witness. "I had to perform duties in the bedroom."

"You were lighting the fire and taking the meals to them while they were in bed. I spoke to Mr. Gould, objecting to having to do these things; that it was degrading. He said that I was his valet; that the other servants did not know and that he felt he could trust me, while he couldn't trust the others."

"Was your former testimony," said Severance, "that you said Mr. Gould had cautioned you against disclosing the names of guests or telling anybody about his affairs. Now, you are admitting my question?"

"Yes," replied Mowbray.

"What was it?"

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ST. LOUIS PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION'S WORK.

President R. M. Scruggs, in His Annual Report, Reviews the Organization's Methods.

NO INDISCRIMINATE GIVING.

Tender Words for Doctor Thomas M. Finney and W. H. Thornburg—Reception and Addresses—Election of Directors.

The forty-third annual meeting of the St. Louis Provident Association was held last night in the new central office building at No. 1221 Washington avenue.

From 7 until 8 o'clock there was a reception of visitors. The meeting was held in the assembly room. Doctor William T. Finney acted as chairman and W. H. Thornburg, who is temporarily acting as general manager of the association, made an address about its work, illustrated with stereopticon views. The Reverend Doctor David D. Church, Jr., pastor of Lincoln Avenue M. E. Church, made a very interesting address on "The Ten Commandments."

Mrs. E. H. Thompson was chairman of the Ladies' Reception Committee and was assisted by Misses Robert Rindley, George H. Morgan, G. H. Tolbrook, G. S. Anderson, T. C. Crum, C. C. Cardwell, S. S. Kuehn, M. S. Snow, G. N. Sweetwater and E. H. Sempke, and the Misses Lila Dandridge and Alice H. Thompson.

The Reverend H. D. Smith, in the opening prayer, then President R. M. Scruggs read his annual report. W. H. Thornburg delivered his illustrated address, Doctor D. Church spoke, and the Reverend Doctor C. O. Palmer pronounced the benediction.

The following were elected as a Board of Directors: R. M. Scruggs, Samuel Cupples, James H. Allen, Edwin Harrison, Gustav Kramer, Christian Rindley, Robert A. Smith, William H. Morgan, J. H. Tolbrook, Alfred Carr, E. M. Mallickoff, Harvey L. Christie, Charles W. Barstow, William M. Seiler, Adolphus Busch, Christian Smith, Michael J. F. L. Thompson, J. H. Morgan, Edward Tausig and Philip N. Moore.

The annual report of President Scruggs follows:

Address of President Scruggs.

To the members and friends of the St. Louis Provident Association:

On behalf of the members and friends of the St. Louis Provident Association, I have the honor to present to you this annual report.

It is a pleasure to me to be able to report to you the work of the association during the past year.

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